Just two days more and the winter seaion of 1903 will be at an end, next Wedpeday being the first day of Lent. The
hame Lent, as all the world knows,
reans spring, and the senson of Lent
alies in the great spring fast, jist as the
gaster season symbolizes the great spring
'estival.

The old Anglo-Saxons called March the
ength month, possibilty, because during
its course the vernal equinox occurred
ind the days grew perceptibly longer, or
because being devoted to material pleasross, the March period of abstinence and
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Bet" do not emulate the Saxons. To
hism March seems all too short for what
they wish to crowd into it. Already
Pinehurst, Alken, St. Augustine, Palm
Beach and other Southern 'resorts are
flooded with gay visitors, seeking immunity from plercing winds and leaden
his same time. The out-of-door life, the
solffing, the polo playing, the fishing will
be varied by parior pool games and parlor tennis or ping-pong. Dinner parties
on all feast days, and for that matter, on
all days of the week seem now quite perbusisable in Lent.

Tourists who fail to find amusement
in the South Atlantic or Guif States go
lo Mexico, Southern California, or cross
the Allantic to enjoy the Mid-Lent carpival at Nice and spend Passion Week in
Rome, so many and so various are the
levices invented to banish duliness and
nake of all the three hundred and sixtyflive days festivals for the 400 and those
belonging to them; so industriously is
the pursuit of pleasure carried on.

Richmond people will, many of the

United States can be, and spend their ante-Lenten hours in a mad whirl of gayety.

Ash-Wednesday will see a different condition of affairs. To Richmond it will bring only a serious sort of sedateness, characteristic of an annual recurrence and its obligations. New Orleans will array itself in penitential garb and hast, en to make atonement for the sins of yesterday. Sojourners in Southern climes and on the Facilfe slope will consider how to get through the day with the least amount of self-linduigence in the way of conventional observance, and the greatest amount of self-linduigence in the way of doing what they like best.

And Dame Fashion will put on her thinking cap and settle herself to the working out of problems set for her by the Easter bride, the Easter belle and the summer girl of a few months hence.

### Mr. Ellsworth's Lecture,

An event of great interest, not only to members of the Woman's Club but to the Richmond public in general, will be the appearance of Mr. William Weyster Ellesworth, who will deliver his lecture on "The Personal Washington" to-morrow evening at s o'clock in the hall of the Young Men's Christian Association Balding, thereby fitty celebrating the birthday of a great Virginian and the first President of the United States.

Mr. Ellsworth, who is the secretary of the Century Company, is the greatgrandson of Chief Justice Oliver Ellsworth, and of Dr. Noah Webster, the lexicographer. He was in Virginia for some time last spring and visited sections of the State most closely connected with the personal side of Washington's life, upon which the lexture hinges. Washington's boyhood, his cirly letters, the "cherry-tree story," incidents involving his home life and bringing in Mrs. Martha Custis Washington, Miss Nellie Custis and Mrs. Mary Ball Washington are splendidly allustrated through the medium of stereopticon views. New photographs of Mount Vernon are included in those views as well as about twenty of the most famous Washington by Peale to the last, by Saint Memin.

Any one wishing to secure cards of admission to the lecture, which have been placed at the nominal price of half a dollar, can do so by application to the jamitor of the Homan's Club, or can get them later at the door of the hall. Members of the club can get theirs and their secort's cards at the club, where they have been placed in charge.

Miss Annie Louise Reinhardt, the daughter of Mr, and Mrs. Jacob Reinhardt and one of the most accomplished musiclans in the South, will give a violin rectual at the Woman's Club, or can get theirs and their secort's cards at the club, where they have been placed in the south, will give a violin rectual at the Woman's Club, or can get their and their secort's cards at the club, where they have been placed in the woman's Club, or can get their and their secort's cards at the club, where they have been placed in the sect

hardt and one of the most accomplished musicians in the South, will give a vio-lin recital at the Woman's Club Tuesday evening, February 24th, at 8:30 o'clock, when she will be assisted by Miss Mabel Ward McBaia and Mr. Norman Call, both well known and popular Richmond vocalists.

Special interest attaches to this appear-Special interest attaches to this appearance of Miss Reinhardt, the evening being intended as a benefit to ald her in taking a course of study in New York, where she hopes soon to go for the further development of her already remarkable talents as a violinist. A carefully selected programme for the evening of the 22th includes the following:

"Fantaise Caprice," Vieuxtempts, Miss Annie Louise Reinhardt,
Solo, "Expectancy," Buck, Miss Mabel Ward McDain.

(a) "Berceuse Slave," Nevada. (b) "Serenade Andalouse," Godard, Miss Reinhardt,
Solo, "Bandellero," Stuart, Mr. Norman Call.

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hardt.
Solo. "Bandellero," Stuart, Mr. Norman
Call.
Solo. "My Love is Like the Red, Red
Rose." Hastings, Miss McBain.
"Mazier." Mlynarski, Miss Reinhardt.
Accompanist. Mr. Jacob Beinhardt.
Miss Reinhardts patronesses, from the
representative element of Richmond, are
Mrs. Archer Anderson, Mrs. James Allison, Mrs. J. K. Branch, Mrs. R. M.
Blankenship, Mrs. W. C. Bentley, Mrs.
Samuel Cohen, Mrs. Charles Davenport,
Miss Claire Guillaume, Mrs. George Ben.
Johnston, Mrs. Andrew J. Montague,
Mrs. E. C. Minor, Mrs. Clarence Milhiser,
Mrs. T. William Pemberton, Mrs. John
Harrison, Mrs. A. Von Rosensek, Mrs.
George W. Stevens, Mrs. Arthur Scrivenor, Mrs. Norton Savage.

Mrs. J. Taylor Ellyson was the hostess
of a "silver tea" given Thursday for the
benefit of the Virginia table at the Confederate Bazaar in her homs. No. 10 East
Franklin Street, from 5 to 5 o'clock.
Popular ladies of Richmond society composed the Reception Committee, which
had an agreeable addition in the wives
of the members of the General Assembly
now visiting in Richmond.

'Mrs. Alfred Gray asselted by Mrs.
John Gordon Farland, served the ices
and Mrs. Edgar Taylor poured the chocolate, Young ladies assisting were Miss
Sally Archer Anderson, Miss Kathleen
Graham Anderson, Miss Bally Reid Anderson, Miss Berta Jeffrey, Misses Coleman, Misses Meredith, Misses/Whitlock,
Miss Von N. Resenegk, Miss Elte, Bagby,
Miss Addir Minor, Miss Kats Talley,
Miss Addir Minor, Miss Kats Talley,



MISS NANNIE GRIGG,

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Grigg, who is at present the recipient of much social attention in Louisville, Ky., where she is visiting friends.

A brilliant occasion will be the conven-ing in National Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution on February 2d. The congress will hold its sessions

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A charming musical programme was given by Frances Digges and Mrs. Evan R. Chesterman, with Mary Shelton as accompanist The tea was altogether informal, and Virginia extended a cordial invitation to all her daughters.

D. A. R. Congress.

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Ing in National Congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution on February 23d. The congress will hold its sessions in the Grand Opera House, Washington, D. C., and will be presided over by Mrs. Fairbanks, the national regent of the Daughters.

Richmond representatives who will go to Washington from the Commonwealth Chapter in Richmond to the meeting will be Mrs. Warner Moore, Miss Eleanor Tree, alternate to the regent; Mrs. I. N. Jones, delegate; Mrs. J. H. Capers, alternate to the delegate, and Miss Ella Jackson Page.

The Commonwealth Chapter had a CHARITY BALL.

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The charity ball given by the German-American Ladies' Ald Association was danced with great celat in the Masonic Temple last Thessday evening.

The grand march was led by Mr. C. F. Sauer and Mrs. A. Von N. Rosenegk, Mrs. Rosenegk being handsomely gowned in black lace over white satin duchess, with diamend and pearl ornaments and a bouquet of American beauties.

Mrs. C. F. Sauer wore an elegant white lace robe above chiffon and taffeta, and carried violets.

Mrs. B. Hassel was in black weivet en traine, relieved with white chiffon and lace.

Mrs. John T. Anderson, Jr. in black

traine, reserves with white trained and lace.

Mrs. John T. Anderson, Jr., in black silk mull over laffeta, diamond ornaments and corsage bouquet of violets.

Miss Elizabeth von N. Rosenegk, in blue silk tissue reeling white silk; forget-me-nots and white roses.

Mrs. B. M. Hines, in embroidered moussiling on a foundation of white taffeta:

seline on a foundation of white taffeta;

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## Reception Tea.

A very pretty reception tea was given from 5 to 7 P. M. Thursday in the home of Mrs. Benjamin T. Crump, of No. 616 West Grace Street, under the auspices of the Evelyn Spotts' Memorial Circle of King's Daughters.

King's Daughters.

Decorations were in Revolutionary colors of red, white and blue, and souvenir hatchets in red recalled Washington's anniversary and the famous cherry tree episode.

A delightful musical programme was given by Mrs. Guy Hequembourg, Mrs. Evan R. Chesterman and Miss Agnes McCarthy, with Miss Emily Lyons as accompanist.

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The receiving party included Mrs. Benjamin T. Crump, Mrs. Addison Holladay, Mrs. Lipscomb, Miss Margaret Childrey, Miss Simonia Roberts, Mrs. Allen Chambers, Mrs. Charles Tanner, Mrs. Trevillan, Miss Mary Frazie, Mrs. Dan McCarthy, Miss Ruth Tanner, Miss Jennie McCarthy, Miss Pauline Powers and Miss Lora Crump.

Crump.

After the musicale refreshments were served by little Misses Louise Crumn. Ployd Taylor, Dalsy Boykin, Mary Da-Whin, Louise Miller and Myra Chambers, wearing patriotic rosettes of red, white and blue. The tea was informal, and all who wished to go were heartily welcomed.

## Brilliant Reception.

One of the most elegant affairs of this week, to be given as a closing event of the season, will be the Shröve Tuesday reception, in which Mrs. Charles Evelya Smith, of No. 616 West Franklin Street, will be the gracious and charming hosters.

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Decorations will be in pink and green,
the February symbolism, evolved in
paims, pink roses and pink carnations.
Guests will be received at 9 P. M. by
Mr. and Mrs. Smith and Mr. end Mrs.
Hugh Skipwith, Mrs. Smith having on an
imported evening costume of embroidered
pink chiffon veiling pink liberty satin, and
Mrs. Skipwith wearing her wedding gown
of white satin and duchess lace.

During reception hours a number of
beautiful airs will be softly played as an
tudertone, mingling with but not breaking in upon conversation. All the lower
suite of spacious rooms will be thrown
open to be thronged by the representative
sectety people who are numbered among
the friends of the household. As Mrs.
Smith has, earlier in winter, entertained
the yodinger set very handsomely on two
occasions, the Shrave Tuesday company
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## TALK STILL OF PARKER

Regarded as a Good Man for Democratic Nominee.

## LOW HAS DIPLOMATIC BEE

Willing to Turn Somersault to Go as Ambassador to Court of St. James. Patti to Make Farewell Tour of America-The Merchants.

NEW YORK, Feb. 21.-In a very large circle, commercial, financial and political, there has been much talk as the result, no doubt, of the two banquets, that of the Press Club, at which Mr. Bryan was the guest, and that of the Colonial Club, at which Judge Parker was the main attraction. Both events were pre-sumed to be without political significance. Mr. Bryan declares himself out of the presidential race and Judge Parker says nothing. Some Democrats de-clare that the distinguished jurist is the logical candidate for 1904 just as Mr. Bryan was in 1900. However, this may be, it is as plain as plain can be, tha with Democrats and Independents, Judge Parker is rapidly growing into favor, and I am not a little surprised to hear Republicans express a deckled preference for him.

I am told on the best authority that it had been the intention of Republican State managers to have passed a State Constabulary bill at the present session of the Legislature. Governor Odell's meagre plurality in November and the loss in Assembly districts came as an unwelcome and unpleasant surprise. It struck terror into the hearts of those who rule the State and fearful of the result of such legislation the bill will not be introduced. Instead of it, however, General Francis Vinton Greene, late chairman of the NewxYork County Republican Committee, was made Police Commissioner. Mayor Low appointed him at the suggestion of President Roose velt. General Greene, late president of the Barber Asphalt Paving Company, is a close friend and business associate of Avery D. Andrews, who was a Police Commissioner with Mr. Roosevelt. When General Greene vacated his office as president of the Barber Company, Andrews succeeded him, having been his counsel prior thereto. I merely mention these facts to show the connection of Messrs. Roosevelt, Low, Andrews and Greene.

On the face of the waters the breath that blows is that of peace and harmony, but any one who knows the situation is aware that in the Republican party of this State there is a Platt faction, an Odell faction and a Roosevelt faction Mayor Low, Commissioner Greene and ex-Commissioner Andrews are of the Roosevelt faction first, last and all the time. Low is a Republican who voted against James G. Blaine; Greene is a Republican who voted against James G. Blaine; Greene is a Republican who voted against James G. Blaine; Greene is a Republican who came to the front on a Spanish-American War record having been previously beaten by McCoskry Butt in the Nelvand Commissioner and can be consequent and con

Republican who came to the front on a Spanish-American War record having been previously beaten by McCoskry Butt in the election for a Brigadier-Generaliship in the National Guard. As colonel of the Seventy-first Regiment, he had gained unpopularity as a martinet. Avery D. Andrews was one of those Fusion accidents. He had been an army officer, was General Schoffeld's son-in-law, was a regularly enrolled Democrat and was appointed by Mayor Strong, who thought a military man would be an advantage to the police force. Mayor Low, who is now an out and out Republican, casting longing eyes for diplomatic honors, knows that he will be, after January 1, 1994, "'resting' as the actors say. In his desire to succeed Joseph Choate at the Court of St. James, our smug-faced Mayor is ready to turn the police force over to a military dictator. By doing this he will "Republicanize" the policand make it as effective under General Greene as though the Constabulary Bill had been enacted. At the present moment the Intention is to rush a bill. Greene as though the Constabulary Bill had been enacted. At the present moment the intention is to rush a bill through the Legislature and so armend the charter that the Commissioner of Police cannot be removed except for cause and to extend the term of office to six years.

Local politics hang on the next election when a Mayor is to be elected in November. Kings may claim the right to mame the Mayor even though Shepard, of Kings, had the nomination for Mayor against Low. Tammany will claim the right to name the candidate. If these two powerful rivals unite the next Mayor will be a Democrat by an enormous plurality. Congressman George B. McClellan has the bee in his bonnet. He has some influence in Tammany and a great many enemies, among them Congressman "fim" Sullivan, or the "Senator" as he is more popularly styled. McClellan would be about as poor a candidate as could be put up. He is a man with very little strength of character and all the weak traits of a petty politician.

It is gratifying to note that the visit of the great "bloodless" surgeon, Dr. Lorenz, has not been made in vain. All the little children upon whom he operated for congenital dislocation of the hip and for "club foot," are running about hos pltnl wards giving every indication of speedy and successful cure. But the grand, good work does not stop here. His clinics were not attended by dummies. Several eminent surgeons have adopted his method and they, too, have made munny, and are making daily, successful operations. Dr. Lorenz's name should be inscribed in letters of gold in every great hospital in the United States. One Dr. Lorenz giving to suffering humanity the blessings of his gentus, is worth a dozen steel kings, even though each be as wealthy as a Rockefeller and as liberal as a Carnegie. It is gratifying to note that the visit

A police magistrate has declared Timself against the maid and mattern who,
mattended by father or husband, stays
out after inhinight at a public place of
dancing. He is the same who advised
parents to spank their young daughters
if they remained out after ten at night.
All this sounds very strange. I admire
the magistrate for having the courage
to express himself from the bench as
he has done. If there is any place in
the world where the first wrong steps
young beginners take can be seen, it is
in the Police Magistrate's Court. Here
daily the curtain is lifted; here daily the
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The building up of a great navy has been popular since the work began under the administration of Grover Cleveland. Congress has generally considered the navy as important as a defence for the hay as important as a defence for the particular as well as for offensive operation; but now comes California with a resolution of its Legislature calling at-

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39c for a Cheviet that is thirty-

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inches long. 25c for a Huck Towel, hemmed and hemstitched, all linen, twenty inches wide, by forty inches long.

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tention to the fact that its coast is longer and more exposed than the sea coast of any other State in the Union; it urges rapid development of the navy. The rivairy among shipbullding companies for the building of battleships places the Government in the happy position of being able to secure the building of shps on favorable terms. The New York Shipbullding Company, of which Mr. Henry G. Moss is the president, formerly connected with the Harlan & Hollingsworth Company, has been awarded the latest contract for the building of a battleship. The yards of this company are located at Camden, N. J., and are admirably adapted for the construction of the largest ships. mirably adapted the largest ships.

The Venezuelan affair has had an effect on the minds of merchants that may result in greatly changing the trade conditions between South American republics and the United States. It was not so long ago that the States and Stripes were held in contempt by our Spanish-American neighbors. The SpanishAmerican war and the Venezuelan affair have changed all this, and merchants now say that our manufacturers will take advantage of the unpopularity of Germany and England and seek to capture South American markets. Mr. Ballard points out that our exports add up to the inconsiderable sum of \$35,000,000 per annum and our imports to \$119,000,000. Of this trade amounting to \$157,000,000. 92 per cent. Is carried under foreign flags. He says: "We ought to be as successful in keeping European goods out of South America as we are in keeping European solders. We need a commercial Monroe Doctrine."

A prominent banker said: "It is remarkable that our merchants and manufacturers have set their hearts on capturing the markets of Europe and have allowed our nearest neighbors to become almost exclusively the customers of Germany and England. This is largely due to our high prices for manufactured goods and to our landequate shipping facilities. Freights discriminate against us. What we need is a regular coast service with fast vessels and plenty of them. When intercommunication between the Atlantic sea ports of North and South America is constant and regu-The Venezuelan affair has had an effect

service with fast vesses and pienty of them. When intercommunication between the Atlantic sea ports of North and South America is constant and regular, trade will develop. It is useless to wait subsidies from Congress. Our people must build ships and run them for the business which will be developed."

Bridge Whist shows no signs of waning popularity. It is played in the clubs as well as in the drawing-room. Captuln Harry C. Du Val, a railroad man by occupation, who has for some years divided his time between politics and loverry, has burst forth into song on Bridge Whist. He has turned the rules of Bridge into rhyme, and these rhyming rules has gained a marvelous hold on the lovers of the game. Mr. Du Val writes as apology to the Muse:

Oh, Muse, forgive me, Critics all—desist, My Rhymes, the' bad, Perchance may teach you Whist.

Mr. Du Val's rhymes are now quoted at the eard table with all the gravity
which attends quotations from "Hoyle"
in straight whist. For instance:
NO TRUMP MAKES.
Aces three and guarded Queen
No Trump hand is plainly seen.

Aces four No Trump at once, Otherwise you'd be a dunce.

Aces three No Trump for then Each in Honors counts as ten. Guarded King in each array With ace, No Trump's the play,

in introducing Governor Black, gave expression to one or two thoughts which influenced the speakers of the evening. He was particularly happy in one statement. Speaking of President Lincoln, Mr. Louis Stern said:

"In his day he was the cherished leader of our party. He was the representative in whom our party confided with trembling hands and anxious hearts the most momentous cause that ever a free people placed in the hands of a living man. Its wisdom in selection will bear the sanction of all ages. But Lincoln is no longer the exclusive leader of the party that jealously cherishes his r morry. He has passed into that wider and broader ownership, that of the whole people; and as time rolls on gener tions yet unborn will venerate his name. Truly Lincoln belongs to all the people and people; and as time rous on gener tuns yet unborn will venerate his name. Truly Lincoln belongs to all the people and the honor to our party is that we gave him to the nation, doing in this as we always have done-giving the best we possess, in treasure and in men, to add to the strength and the power of the Republic.

Mr. A. C. Gary, treasurer of 'he United States Shipbuilding Company, has just returned from an extended visit through the Far West. He sgeaks in glowing terms of the growing trade of the Pacific coast and of the influence of the Sandwich Islands and Philippines on the shipping trade. The new cable is expected to stimulate business. Merchants in San Francisco believe that the English will make every effort to capture the carrying trade of the Pacific and that to bring this result about they are developing their shipping and their rail facilities across Canada. Mr. Gary is of the opinion that there is more enterprise shown in this direction by the English than by the Americans. The importance of the Japan and China trade to this country is incalculable.

Indications abound of a great racing season around and about this city. There is an unusually big demand for stable room at all of the Long Island tracks. Stables have been requested for more than 2,000 horses, and there are not that number available. Sheepshead, Gravesend and Brighton Beach will be over- | the upper rooms, and the ground floor is send and Brighton Beach will be over-taxed. The wealthy owners all have sta-bles of their own, but the poor turfmen complain of the lack of accommodations. They say that while the racing asso-ciations have displayed marked liberality in the hanging up of rich stakes and purses, they have forgotten all about in-creased stable accommodations, which are greatly needed. The poorer class of horsomen went to race at Eastern tracks, because the purses and stakes are more

attractive than elsewhere, but most of them are financially unable to pay for private stable room far removed from the tracks. This is a condition which if unfair and unsportsmanlike. Association managers should see that it is a once remedied. Some of the very best horses have come from strings owned by poor men, many of whom are breeders.

An Interesting group at the Waldorf-Astoria were talking of the presidential possibilities, and during the conversation the name of William A. Gaston, of Boston, came up. I am told that Mr. Gaston, came up. I am told that Mr. Gaston, undaunted by his defeat as the Democratic candidate for Governor of Massachusetts, will be made the candidate at the next election with every prospect of winning. He is very popular, is one of the most prominent lawyers at the Massachusetts bar, is a man of large affairs and an important factor in Democratic politics. Mr. Gaston is the son of sormer Governor Gaston In view of the coming presidential election is it believed Mr. Gaston will add great strength to the Democratic party in Massachusetts.

Madame Patit's terms of \$200,000 certain, with half share in all the receipts of over \$7,500 a concert, have, I learn, been unconditionally accepted, and her farewell of America will, accordingly commence in New York on November 3rd. She is, moreover, to have a private railway car for herself, her husband and suite of six persons; and \$2,000 is to be deposited with Rothschilds for the last ten concerts. At each performance she will sing one solo, one concerted plece, and in a seene 'com Vice Weight and in the concerts and we will the concerts.

deposited with Rothschilds for the last ten concerts. At each performance she will sing one solo, one concerted plece, and in a scene from "La Traviata," "Il Barblere," or "Linda." Lastly she is to select her own songs, fellow artists, and musical director. It is nine years since Madame Patti last visited the United States, but this time the tour, which ends in April, will extend to Canada in the north, California in the west and Havana in the south.

The Union Club is now almost in entire possession of its new house, and its members are getting used to their new surroundings. There still remains much to be done in the way of decoration of the upper rooms, and the ground floor is

the upper rooms, and the ground floor is not completely in order. The servants are fast learning the ropes. While there is some criticism of the arrangement of the interior and the opinion is generally expressed that the ground floor is too much cut up, the members are, as a whole, greatly pleased with their new quarters. Only one opinion is expressed as to the exterior of the clubhouse, which is thought to present a very dignified and effective architectural appearance.

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